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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789

1. IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS IN KUWAIT UNDER CONTROL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND OFFICE OF CUSTOMS AND PORTS IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. GENERAL INTENT OF LAW IS TO STRICTLY LIMIT DISTRIBUTION OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION. LAW ALSO DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN KUWAITI CITIZENS AND NON-KUWAITIS, LATTER BEING MORE THAN HALF OF POPULATION. KUWAITI CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION GENERALLY CONSIDERED UNDER THE HEADING OF SPORTING GOODS, I.E. SHOTGUNS, AIR RIFLES, SMALL BORE RIFLES AND A FEW TYPES OF PISTOLS. IN ANY CASE, INDIVIDIAL PERMIT IS NECESSARY. A FEW NON-KUWAITIS ARE PERMITTED WEAPONS IN THIS CATEGORY, USUALLY PROMINENT OFFICIALS OR BUSINESSMEN.

2. GUN SELLERS AND GUN REPAIR SHOPS ARE LICENSED SEPARATELY AND ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP SPECIAL RECORDS OF EACH TRANSACTION COMPLETE WITH DATES, NAMES OF CUSTOMER AND DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE OR SERVICE.

3. COMMENT: THE PUBLIC SALE OF LIQUOR IS BANNED IN KUWAIT BUT THAT HAS NOT RPT NOT STOPPED ALCOHOL FROM BECOMING COMMON COMMODITY. SOMEWHAT SIMILARLY, POSSESSION OF WEAPONS IS MORE WIDESPREAD THAN LAW INDICATES BUT THIS COMES MAINLY FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PIECEMEAL INTRODUCTION OF WEAPONS BY TRAVELERS RETURNING TO

KUWAIT. CONSIGNMENT OF WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION SENT VIA USUAL  
COMMERCIAL CHANNELS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CLOSE SCRUTINY BY GOK  
OFFICIALS AND WOULD BE HANDLED ONLY BY PROPERLY LICENSED  
IMPORTER AND SELLER.  
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